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THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE

by

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The time is the early 1900's — say 1915. The setting is a mid-victorian mansion, located in the outskirts of a small New England city.

ACT ONE

Late afternoon, a day in spring

ACT TWO

SCENE 1. Early that evening

SCENE 2. A few minutes later

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Stage Design George C. Bloomberg
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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

GINNY ADAMS (Mrs. Oates) in twelve months has become wildly enthusiastic about amateur theatricals, having played Olivia in "The Chalk Garden" for Footlight Club and Ruth in "Blithe Spirit" for Mass. General Hospital Players. Dr. Adams and Billy cue her and seem not to mind hurried dinners, but then they're used to them for when not at rehearsal she's working at the M. G. H. Blood Bank, practicing at choir or planning her next flying trip.

ASHLEY WESTCOTT (Constable), President, Community Players of Quincy, member of Milton Players, recently appeared in F. C. "The Matchmakers," nine weeks with the Charles Playhouse in "Crucible" and "Our Town," member of the Screen Actors Guild. Assisted in the casting of extras and appeared with his nine-year-old daughter Gwendolyn in the Otto Preminger production "The Cardinal." Seen on Channel 2 (WGBH-TV) in "For the Time Being."

DYKE DARRELL (Professor Warren) returns again and again to the Footlight Club boards to our delight. Recently as debonair, salty Capt. Sothern in "Caine Mutiny Court Martial." Former President of F. C. and still remembered at the Comedy Players of New York. Affable Dyke excels on the banjo and four-string guitar and classifies himself as an inventor which he says is a "lost profession."

KATHY McENANEY (Helen) is in her second year with F. C. having played Laurel in "Chalk Garden." She's also in her second year at Suffolk University Law School. Thoroughly enjoys Footlights and finds it to be a great diversion from the taxing studies of Law School. Involved in drama throughout college (Emmanuel) this talented, vivacious young lady also is an accomplished organist.

DON HAILER (Dr. Parry) returns again as a doctor for F. C., having played the chief psychiatrist in "Caine Mutiny Court Martial" after making his debut with F. C. in "Gramercy Ghost." Don lives in Brookline and spent four years as a naval officer after graduating from Colby College in Maine. He is now senior account executive for a creative design firm.

GRACE BARNARD (Nurse Barker) is very nearly ready to receive her nursing degree. She made her debut for Footlights in "Chalk Garden" as, of all things, a nurse. First joined F. C. for the Workshop project, Acting Class, and we look forward to her pleasant presence in future productions.

VIRGINIA JOHNSON (Mrs. Warren). Capable, versatile, dependable Virginia last appeared on our stage as Mrs. Levi in "The Matchmakers" and quite recently, as director, was the female who managed the all-male cast of "Caine Mutiny Court Martial."

DICK DENNIS (Stephen Rice), member of the Board of Directors and member of "Caine Mutiny Court Martial" and "The Matchmakers" casts. Made his debut in "Gramercy Ghost." If you notice the similarity of appearances between Dick and Don Hailer, it is because they are brothers-in-law. Dick likes the piano and the uke and says he plays them both "not good, but loud."

CECI MOSHER (voice of telephone operator), was Peter Pan in F. C. Workshop production. A major in English Literature at Northeastern University, she likes to help Peg Mosher (her mother) to hunt up props. This is her first time watching a play in production at F. C. and hopes to be on stage sometime. Has always loved working on or being in plays and she says she'll write one some day . . . a musical.

DICK VAN KLEEK (Director) has been associated with the Footlight Club in various capacities and has recently returned to Boston after two years in North Carolina. He spends the regular hours of the day (and sometimes a few more) with the Trust Department of the Shawmut Bank.

GEORGE BLOOMBERG (jack of all trades) is several vital vertebrae, if not the whole backbone, of the F. C. Member of the Board of Directors and the indispensable fellow who gets our stage sets designed and executed. Who could forget the wonderful job he did for "Born Yesterday" and the fine job he has done for this show in getting us ready on a narrow time schedule following a Carney Hospital production? Always smiling! F. C. says, "Thanks, George."

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